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Applicant: Toyohisa OYA et al. Conf.: 5742
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FOR FORMING IMAGES

REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

June 27, 2002

Sir:

In reply to the Examiner's Office Action dated January 31, 2002, the period for replying having been extended two (2) months to June 30, 2002, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 2 and 10 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Amended) A photothermographic material comprising
 - (a) a photosensitive silver halide,
 - (b) a reducible silver salt,

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